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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
JAMES C. KEITH, JR., ET AL.) Examiner: Carla J. Myers
Application No.: 09/902,535) Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: July 9, 2001)
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS)
FOR DIAGNOSING AND)
TREATING PREECLAMPSIA AND)
GESTATIONAL TROPHOBLAST)
DISORDERS) October 8, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated September 26, 2002 (Paper No. 6) in the above-identified application, as follows.

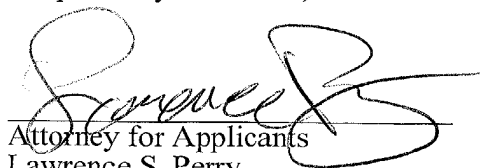
REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups I - IX for the reasons noted.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group VI, namely Claims 8-18.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lawrence S. Perry", is written over a horizontal line.

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